

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 1, 2-6, 9, 23 and 26, amended the specification and the abstract. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments to the claims, specification and abstract are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. Accordingly, the Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims and specification and abstract as amended.

The Examiner has objected to the abstract, stating that it does not adequately describe the invention. In view of the amendments to the abstract, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure as being ambiguous. Applicant has amended the disclosure where indicated and respectfully requests that the disclosure is now not objectionable.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings because of the objections to the specification. In view of the amendments to the specification, Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings are no longer objectionable.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 and 22-26 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In reply thereto, Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 6 and 23. In addition, the Examiner has stated that the use of reference numerals to recite its element is not proper. The undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview. In accordance with that interview, Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 26 to eliminate the reference numerals and clarify the language.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-20 and 22-26 comply with 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

The Examiner has indicated that the claims contain allowable subject matter and the Examiner will consider allowance upon amendment. In view of the amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are now allowable and Applicant accepts these allowed claims.

Applicant further respectfully and retroactively requests a one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action and enclosed herewith is a check in the sum of \$55.00 as the fee.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Rule 116

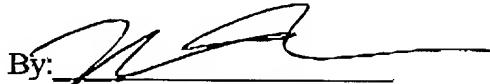
Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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